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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the Borough and Port of Faversham

John T. Murphy, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
to the Borough and Port (Eastern Section) of Faversham

(w.e.f. - 15.6.60)

Mr. R.A.O. Bampton, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., M.R.I.P.H.H., D.S.A.A.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
to the Borough and Port (Eastern Section) of Faversham

(From 1.1.60 to 14.6.60)

Mr. A.J. Hurn, C.R. San.I., M.A.P.H.I.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
Port of Faversham (Western Section)

Mr. A. Leslie, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.San.I.

RODENT OPERATOR (PART TIME)

Mr. F. Richards

CLERK

Mr. P.F. Allen

BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,
June, 1961.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1960 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The number of births was the highest for the past decade giving a corrected birth rate of 19.7 as compared with 17.1 for England and Wales.

The death rate, infantile mortality rate and the incidence of infectious diseases show no great variation. Fluctuations in the latter being usually due to a measles or whooping cough epidemic. There have been no cases of poliomyelitis notified since 1957.

The Offensive Trades at the Marsh Works, Oare Creek, which I stated last year demanded a disproportionate amount of time from the small Public Health Staff have, following help from H.M. Alkali Inspector, showed considerable improvement.

Since 1955 the total number of houses submitted for slum clearance or individual action was 245. Originally a provisional estimate of 205 houses was given for slum clearance but further detailed inspection caused this to be increased by 40 houses. The slum clearance programme has been virtually brought to a conclusion, however some further very small areas may still require to be dealt with during the next five years.

Mr. A.J. Hurn, your Senior Public Health Inspector retired in June - he had served the Council faithfully for fifteen years and I have previously paid tribute to his good humour and understanding.

I must also thank Mr. R.A.O. Bampton, your present Senior Public Health Inspector for carrying out his work with great energy and tact.

The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee have aided the Department and myself by their enthusiasm and suggestions throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

J. T. MURPHY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 35.19 inches as compared with 24.6 inches in 1959 and 31.58 inches in 1958.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A"

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington, Ospringe and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1960 as 12,480 an increase of 60 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 12,420.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1960 was 4,644 as compared with 4,637 at the end of 1959. Towards this increase 38 houses were provided by the Council, and 41 were constructed privately. During the year 72 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 7.

RATEABLE VALUE

£167,417 compared with £162,145 on the 31st December, 1959.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£664 10s. 8d., compared with £647 12s. 4.337d., for the financial year 1959/60.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	107 (99)	121 (91)	228 (190)
Illegitimate	4 (4)	4 (5)	8 (9)
TOTALS	111 (103)	125 (96)	236 (199)

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	18.9	(16.0)
The corrected birth rate.....	19.7	(16.6)
Rate for England and Wales	17.1	(16.5)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	5	(1)
Number of live and still births	241	(200)
Rate of still births per 1,000 live and still births..	20.7	(5.0)
Rate for England and Wales.....	19.7	(20.7)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year).....	6	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.....	25.4	(15.1)
Rate for England and Wales	21.7	(22.2)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births.. 26.3 (15.8)
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births..... 125
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births..... 21.2 (15.8)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week) 4 (3)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births.... 17.0 (15.1)
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)..... 37.4 (20.0)

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births was..... 8 (9)
This is 3.4% of total live births

MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) ..... Nil

DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham..... 236 (206)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population..... 18.9 (16.6)
The corrected death rate..... 11.3 (9.7)
Rate for England and Wales..... 11.5 (11.6)
Average age at death..... 72.2 (73.7)
Average age at death for males..... 71.6 (74.4)
Average age at death for females..... 72.8 (73.1)
Oldest death - male aged 97 years.
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough. 46

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE I

SEX	Und 1	1 - 25	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75+	85+	TOTALS
MALES	5	-	1	2	4	13	24	38	34	121
FEMALES	1	-	-	3	5	9	19	42	36	115

Table II shows the number of death, birth and infant mortality rates since 1951 and Table III the causes of death during 1960 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
Year	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1951	6	175	14.2	150	12.2	5	28.5
1952	12	203	16.6	267	21.8	5	24.6
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	266	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1
1960	8	236	18.9	236	18.9	6	25.4

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
2. Tuberculosis, other.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3. Syphilitic disease	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
4. Diphtheria.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5. Whooping Cough.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6. Meningococcal infections.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8. Measles.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	5(2)	-(1)	5(3)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus...	5(9)	1(1)	6(10)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	-(-)	4(6)	4(6)
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-(-)	3(-)	3(-)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	8(9)	7(6)	15(15)
15. Leukemia, aleukaemia.....	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
16. Diabetes.....	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system....	30(22)	31(19)	61(41)
18. Coronary disease, angina.....	26(16)	13(4)	39(20)
19. Hypertension with heart disease.....	2(4)	-(3)	2(7)
20. Other heart disease.....	22(21)	28(33)	50(54)
21. Other circulatory disease.....	9(6)	8(2)	17(8)
22. Influenza	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)
23. Pneumonia.....	-(3)	3(3)	3(6)
24. Bronchitis.....	2(10)	4(3)	6(13)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system..	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea.....	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.....	2(1)	2(4)	4(5)
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.....	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
31. Congenital malformations.....	2(-)	1(1)	3(1)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4(3)	3(6)	7(9)
33. Motor vehicle accidents.....	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
34. All other accidents.....	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
35. Suicide.....	-(1)	2(-)	2(1)
36. Homicide and operations of war.....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
	121(111)	115(95)	236(206)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occuring during the year are as follows:

TABLE IV

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1a Rhesus Incompatability	M	3 hours	Hospital
1a Prematurity (2lb/1oz)	M	1 day	Hospital
1a Toxaemia in mother	M	2 days	Hospital
1a Congenital heart defect	M	3 days	Hospital
1a Cardiac standstill b Congenital heart defect	F	3 weeks	Hospital
1a Congenital absence of right cerebral hemisphere and bilateral hair lip	M	2 months	Home

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1960 was 65, being 41 less than in the previous year, i.e. 106 cases in 1959.

AMENDMENT

From 1st December, 1960, under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Amendment Regulations, Anthrax was made notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI. Table VII gives a resumé of the last ten years.

TABLE V

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	15
Whooping Cough	2	8	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	29
Measles	-	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	5

TABLE VI

DISEASE	No. of Cases 1960	1959	Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	15	9	3	-
Whooping Cough	29	13	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	2	1	-
Measles	12	46	-	-
Pneumonia	3	27	2	3
Tuberculosis				
Pulmonary	5	8	4	-
Non-Pulmonary		1	-	-
TOTALS	65	106	10	3

TABLE VII

DISEASE	1951	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60
Scarlet Fever	3	5	2	2	4	7	6	15	9	15
Measles	106	372	79	4	447	2	74	360	46	12
Whooping Cough	256	9	79	107	5	14	202	3	13	29
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	-	4	1	4	-	-	-
Erysipelas	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	15	18	9	17	18	23	24	27	3
Food Poisoning	1	-	8	1	3	1	-	-	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Incidence and deaths

Five cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, being three less than in the preceding year.

There were no cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

No deaths from Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred during the period although one patient died from other causes.

Table VIII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1951:

TABLE VIII

YEAR	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.
1951	8	1	5	-	4.0	-
1952	20	1	3	-	2.4	-
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	2	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-

Mass Radiography Unit

During early August and later in November, the Mass Radiography Mobile Unit of the Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough.

Details of the examinations are as follows:

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
(a) Number of Volunteers	1,413	1,876	3,289
(b) Results:			
Active Tuberculosis	1	2	3
Inactive Tuberculosis	9	16	25

The number of volunteers who attended the Unit's centres for the first time was 11.9% of the total number of attendances.

Tuberculosis Register

During the year a complete survey was made of the Borough's Tuberculosis Register in collaboration with the records kept by Dr. O. Clark, Chest Consultant. I am most grateful for his Department's kind assistance in this matter.

A total of 37 cases have subsequently been deleted as either recovered, removed and/or lost sight of, leaving a total of 58 cases remaining on the register.

The number and types of cases now on the Register are shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PUL		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/60	44	40	13	6	103
Notified in Borough	4	1	-	-	5
Trans. to Borough	3	-	-	2	5
Deaths	-	1	-	-	1
Recovered	4	8	-	1	13
Deductions resulting from Survey	16	12	9	4	41
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/60	31	20	4	3	58

Clinic Attendance

I am further indebted to Dr. O. Clark, for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

(a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1960 (this includes contacts etc.) 236

(b) Total number of attendances during the year of patients in (a) above 472

(c) Number of patients from the Borough who received Sanatorium treatment during the year 4

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination against Yellow Fever

During the year the Ministry of Health reviewed the need for increasing the facilities for vaccination against Yellow Fever and, as a consequence the County Hall, Maidstone has become an additional centre.

Therefore, anyone who requires to be vaccinated against Yellow Fever for purposes of travel abroad can make an appointment either by writing to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone or telephoning Maidstone 4321 ext. 247. A nominal charge of one guinea will be made to cover the cost of the vaccination.

Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against Poliomyelitis:

TABLE X

AGE GROUP	TWO INJECTIONS	THIRD INJECTION
0 - 5 years	172	204
5 - 15 years	30	222
Adults	328	553

Table XI shows the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1960, based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer:

TABLE XI

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revacc.	Primary
1960	99	-	65	-	100
1959	117	1	62	-	98
1958	21	4	4	-	12
1957	12	3	1	-	10
1956	3	8	-	-	2
1955	3	108	-	-	2
1954	2	22	-	1	1
1953	-	2	2	-	2
1952	1	1	1	-	2
1951	1	2	2	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-	1	-	-	-
1948	-	2	1	-	-
1947	-	1	-	-	-
1946	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1946	-	-	7	-	-
TOTALS	259	155	145	1	229

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided andadministered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mothers and young children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

	Day	Time
Child Welfare.....	Tuesday and Friday...	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccinations are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoon, if required.)

(b) School Clinic

Solomon's Lane

	Day	Time
Relaxation Classes.....	Monday.....	2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Minor Ailments Clinic.....	(Wednesday.....	9 - 10 a.m.
	(Saturday	9 - 12 noon.
Dental Gas Clinic.....	Tuesday.....	9 - 12 noon.
Dental.....	Tuesday.....	2 - 4 p.m.

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road .....Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 12 West Street, Faversham, Monday - Friday, half day Saturday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The following is a summary of the returns for 1960 for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Sheppey and Swale:

Medical Inspection

(a) Number of children inspected (periodic inspections).....5292
(b) Number found to require treatment..... 764
(c) Percentage requiring treatment.....14.4%

Classification of General Condition of Pupils

	ROUTINE SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS			
No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils inspected			
	Satisfactory		Un-Satisfactory	
(1)	No. (2)	% of Col. 1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col. 1 (5)
5,292	5,124	96.8	168	3.2

Dental Inspection and Treatment

(a) Number of children inspected..... 2472

(b) Number found to require treatment..... 1740

(c) Percentage requiring treatment..... 70.4%

Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons..... 14254

(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested..... 165

(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act, 1944)..... 19

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSON

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

Under the above Act, an aged person was removed to Hartley House Hospital, Cranbrook, on 29th December, 1960.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

During the year there was a major extension of the water main from Tanners Street to the new Davington Court Estate and on to the canning factory at Bysing Wood. This extension also allows for further residential and industrial development in the Bysing Wood area.

Nineteen samples of water taken from the Faversham Water Company mains were all reported as of excellent bacteriological quality.

A sample taken from a private piped supply proved to be unsatisfactory bacteriologically; a further sample taken a few days later was reported as satisfactory. A sample from this supply was also submitted for chemical examination and was found to be satisfactory.

Of a total of 4,644 houses, ten houses and three factories rely on wells or private supplies.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The preliminary preparations of the Bysing Wood drainage scheme were commenced during the year and an outline scheme was placed before the Council.

A survey of the sewers was commenced in the central area to ascertain the degree of infiltration taking place.

An extension to the sewers was laid from Stonebridge Pond corner to the Davington Court Estate, so as to provide drainage facilities in this area in which residential development is taking place.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This is under the direction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. Preliminary preparations were made during the year to transfer the tipping of refuse from Preston Tip to the disused workings of Ace, Sand and Gravel Company near Ham Road.

SCHOOL SANITATION

The sanitary accommodation at the schools within the Borough is well maintained and reaches a good standard. No complaints have been received under this heading.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

These are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. A survey of the overall needs and the present position of public conveniences in the Borough is being carried out and a report is to be prepared for the consideration of the Council.

HOP PICKERS CAMPS

The two established camps were in use again this year at Westwood Court Farm and Queen Court Farm. The number of pickers was again smaller and more and more picking is being done by machine.

MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

Mortuary accommodation is provided at the Cottage Hospital when required.

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK

There are still three premises registered as dairies and two have pasteurised plants. They are supervised by the County Council being the Food and Drugs Authority for the Borough.

Retail licences granted during the year were 26, 22 of which were for the sale of sterilised milk.

SUMMARY OF MILK SAMPLING

	No. of Samples	No. which failed the test
Pasteurised Milk	10	Phosphatase .. Nil M. B. ..... Nil
Sterilised Milk	2	Turbidity..... Nil

MEAT

The one licensed Slaughterhouse in the Borough at Flood Lane continued to operate and was used by the local butchers for the supply of home-killed meat.

The total number of animals slaughtered, 3607, shows an increase of 67 over the previous year. Considerable staff difficulties were experienced and slaughtering hours became very irregular, necessitating, at times, three evenings work a week on meat inspection.

During the year the report which the Council was required to prepare and forward to the Minister, according to the requirements of the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958, was completed. The report included a schedule of works required to bring the Slaughterhouse up to the standard of the various Regulations.

Schedules of repairs were drawn up by an Architect employed by the Association but no work had commenced by the end of the year.

The amount of meat and offal condemned during the year which was unfit for human consumption was 1 ton 16 cwt. 36 lbs. Table XIII shows the particulars of the animals slaughtered and the numbers affected by disease of one sort or another.

OTHER FOODS

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:

(a) 1,732 tins of assorted foodstuffs.
(b) 67 Chicken.
(c) 7 cwt of meat and meat products.
(d) 5 cwt of shrimps, lobsters, whelks and crabs.
(e) 2¼ cwt of cheese.
(f) 44 jars of horseradish.
(g) 574¼ tons of fruit and vegetables.

It will be seen that the quantity of fruit and vegetables 574¼ tons which compares with 230 tons last year shows a marked increase. Messrs. East Kent Packers undertake the sorting and repacking of damaged cargoes and this very often results in considerable wastage. Condemnation certificates are requested to support insurance claims.

TABLE XIII

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	455 (379)	7 (3)	23 (10)	1092 (810)	2030 (2127)	3607 (3540)
Number inspected	455 (379)	7 (3)	23 (10)	1092 (810)	2030 (2127)	3607 (3540)
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: whole carcases condemned	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (-)	1 (-)	2 (2)	8 (5)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	96 (85)	1 -	- -	5 (28)	87 (18)	189 (131)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	21.1% (22.7%)	42.8% (66.6%)	8.7% (-)	0.5% (2.7%)	4.4% (0.9)	
Tuberculosis only: whole carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	8 (2)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	27 (-)	36 (2)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1,7% (0.5%)	14.3% (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1.3% (0.05%)	
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

PREPARATION OF PRESERVED FOODS

Thirty-three premises are registered for the purposes of fish frying, sausage manufacture, cooking of hams, etc..

ICE CREAM

In all sixty-two premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream. This is mainly prepacked but in one case the ice cream is mixed and frozen on the premises.

BAKEHOUSES

There are now five bakehouses in the district which are kept reasonably having regard to the cramped conditions in which the the majority operate.

FOOD PREMISES

The following tables shows the premises where food is sold or handled:

TABLE XIV

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers and Pork Butchers	14
Grocers	23
Fishmongers	4
Fish Fryers	6
Bakers and Confectioners	12
Greengrocers	9
Dairies	3
Cafés and Teashops	8
Hotels	5
General Shops	35
Ice Cream Premises	62
Preserved Foods	27
TOTAL	208

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council:

ARTICLE	NO.
Apricot Jam	2
Aspirin	1
Bitter Beer	1
Butter	1
Cake	1
Cake Mix	1
Cheese	9
Coconut	1
Coffee	1
Devonshire clotted cream	1
Dried Fruit Mixture	1
Fruit Sauce	1
Gin	3
Grapefruit	1
Ground White Pepper	2
High Protein flour	1
Ice Cream	2
Ice lollie	1
Marmalade	1
Mayonnaise smoked salmon	1
Metatone	1
Milk	36
Nestea	1
Orange Squash	1
Orstrax tonic	1
Raisins	1
Raspberries in light syrup	1
Rum	1
Strawberry Jam	2
Syrup Minadex	1
Tea	1
Vytina Tonic Phosphates	1

SUMMARY of samples:

Milks	36
Drugs	5
Spirits	4
Other samples	36
TOTAL	81

With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:

SAMPLE OF	ANALYSIS	ACTION TAKEN
Orange Squash	Probably fruit content not more than 20%. Another recent sample of this brand had not less than 26%.	A further sample was obtained, the analysis of which was satisfactory.

SECTION VIII

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Visits and disinfections were carried out where necessary in connection with fifteen cases of scarlet fever.

Three disinfestations for bed-bugs and eight for fleas were carried out involving thirty two rooms.

Thirty four wasps nests were dealt with during the year. The number of requests for assistance was less than expected having regard to the considerable number of queen wasps seen to be active earlier in the year.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are two premises licensed for the sale of pet animals, they are well maintained and are suitable to deal with small animals and birds.

RODENT CONTROL

The same arrangments as last year, the department have the service of a part time operator from the Council's Highway Staff. The Table XV shows the particulars of inspections and treatments.

TABLE XV

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling house	Agricul-tural	All other including business premises	
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's district	23	4,644	17	447	5,131
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	16	378	9	173	576
3. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	6	189	3	12	210
4. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested with mice	-	37	-	13	50
5. Number of Properties treated by Local Authority	6	226	3	25	260

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The three factories continue to operate near Oare Creek.

Early in the year a series of daily observations were made at eight cardinal points of the compass approximately half a mile distant from the factories. The objects of the observations were to ascertain the extent of the emitted smells and if possible the factory responsible.

The results were inconclusive but much useful data was obtained and it gave an overall picture of the problems involved.

At one factory a modification was made to the plant, the uncondensed vapours being burnt by passing them through a bed of incandescent coke. The technique proved most successful and no complaint has been received since which could be attributed to this particular factory.

To assist the Council in dealing with the problems associated with this type of factory the Ministry of Housing and Local Government agreed to send an Alkali Inspector down to make a survey and report. The report contained a number of recommendations, copies of which have been sent to the factories concerned and it is hoped that when alterations and modifications have been carried out further marked improvement in the amount of nuisance caused will be achieved.

LICENSED PREMISES

During the year inspections of all licensed premises within the Borough were made with a view to ascertaining their conformity or otherwise with the Food Hygiene Regulations and Public Health Act.

Of the total of forty-four premises it was considered that only four were satisfactory in all respects. Negotiations are in progress to get the premises brought up to a satisfactory standard.

PETROLEUM

Detailed inspections of all the licensed installations within the Borough were made in company with an Officer of the Fire Prevention Department of the Kent Fire Brigade.

Recommendations and lists of defects were prepared in respect of thirty eight of the installations.

Three carbide of calcium stores were inspected and recommendations made in respect of two of these.

SECTION IX

HOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects.....233

(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation.....196

(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense..... 51

(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action..... 27

(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders..... 2

(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made..... 43

(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action..... 72

(h) Number of houses closed under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957..... 6

2. UNFIT HOUSES

During the year four clearance areas containing thirty-one houses were represented. Representations in respect of twelve individual unfit houses were made.

The five year slum clearance programme which was commenced in 1955 has been completed and the initial problem of substandard housing within the Borough has been dealt with.

Although no precise information is available it is anticipated that it will be necessary to deal with a further forty houses during the next five years.

3. APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION GRANTS

Twenty-one schemes were submitted at a total cost of £8120 of which £3680 was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme for twenty-one dwellings.

Seventeen standard grants were made to a total cost of £1495 for seventeen dwellings.

4. PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war. It is interesting to note that during the year houses built by private enterprise have exceeded those built by the Council.

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES Temporary	COUNCIL HOUSES Permanent	POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
1955	-	80	-	8	88
1956	-	52	-	5	57
1957	-	62	-	24	86
1958	-	42	-	26	68
1959	-	52	-	11	63
1960	-	38	-	41	79
TOTALS	50	807	12	180	1,049

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health:

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	26	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority	78	21	3	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	104	25	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes	1	1	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	3	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

Section 110 - Nil return.

Section III - Nil return.

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port which for sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz: (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) the Western Section (Milton Creek)

Section I - Staff

Mr. A. J. Hurn retired on the 14th June, 1960.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	9	948	Nil	11	Nil
(b) Foreign	50	5,625	Nil	2	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	360	21,600	Nil	1	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	240	27,349	Nil	5	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	90	9,794	Nil	7	Nil
TOTALS	752	65,316	NIL	26	NIL

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

(1) Passenger traffic.....Nil

(2) Cargo traffic

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports.....Petrol, Crude Oil, Grain, Timber and Fertilizers.

Principal Exports.....Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports.....Gypsum stone Coal China Clay, Timber Ballast, Sand, Beans, Pulp and Tomatoe Puree.

Principal Exports.....Cement and Paper

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise.....Thames Estuary

Foreign.....Rotterdam, Antwerp Ymiden, Bremen, Vlaardingen.

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise.....London & Rochester

Foreign.....NIL

Section IV - Inland Barge traffic

NIL

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases dealt with during the year

NIL

Section X - Malaria

NIL

Section XI - Measures taken against Ships infected with or suspected for plague

NIL

Section XII - Measures against rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

NIL

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for nuisances

No nuisances were found on Ships during the year

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change.

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

Month	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees) Maximum		Minimum	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
January	2.87	2.07	54	48	21	21
February	2.10	0.06	61	60	25	23
March	1.77	2.12	59	60	27	34
April	0.77	2.41	65	71	34	36
May	1.77	1.06	81	78	37	34
June	1.66	1.20	89	88	45	40
July	2.3	1.58	81	98	48	46
August	4.81	1.47	80	88	46	47
September	2.31	0.25	79	81	41	40
October	5.9	2.5	68	77	34	35
November	5.23	4.38	62	58	34	26
December	3.7	5.06	54	55	29	28
TOTALS	35.19	24.16				

APPENDIX "B"

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses	117
Other Complaints..	46
Re-Visits...	123
Port Health Visits	18
Offensive Trades..	158
Tents, Vans and Sheds...	35
Hop Pickers Camps	3
Atmospheric Pollution...	9
Schools	5
Places of Entertainment.	2
Water Supply	36
Drainage	35
Shops (non food)..	12
Infectious Disease	17
Miscellaneous Public Health Visits..	89

HOUSING

Housing Acts	116
Re-Visits...	123
Verminous Premises	11
Rent Act, 1957	10

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	25
Butchers	69
Canteens	3
Dairies and Milk Distributors.	3
Fishmongers and Poulterers	26
Fried Fish Shops..	10

Food Preparation Premises	16
Grocers	91
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14
Ice Cream Premises	22
Market Stalls	24
Restaurants	12
Licenced Premises	60
Clubs	2
Schools	7
Wholesalers	20
Slaughterhouse	496
Miscellaneous Food Premises	37
FACTORIES	
With Power	21
Non-Power	4
GENERAL	
Rats and mice	625
Interviews	248
Petroleum	61
SAMPLES	
Ice-Cream	6
Milk	12
Water	5

	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Shops Act	Factories Act
Informal notices served	36	-	9	-	3
Informal notices complied with	29	-	9	-	3
Statutory notices served	1	-	-	-	-
Statutory notices complied with	1	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "C"

The following statement shows the various types of nuisances and defects dealt with:

HOUSING

Roofs.	12
Eaves gutters	8
Chimney and flues.	3
Walls.	17
Ceilings	3
Floors	5
Stairs	2
Coppers, ranges and fireplaces	3
W.C.'s repaired...	4
Sinks and wastepipes	3
Drainage	7
Yard Paving	2
Verminous houses..	8

FOOD PREMISES

Dustbins....	10
Food Protection...	3
First Aid Kits	3
Notices	4
Walls, floor and ceilings	14
W.C.'s repaired	18
W.C.'s installed..	1
Basins installed..	8
Hot water systems provided	8
Clothes lockers provided	4
Tables etc. repaired	18
Sinks renewed	7
Refrigeration units provided..	3
Miscellaneous	13

PUBLIC HEALTH

Accummulations removed..	3
Bird nuisance	2
Moveable dwellings	5
Streams cleared...	2